

successfully arrive at the products and processes claimed—the converse is true, that person would be lead away from the Applicants' claims. Accordingly, the independent claims and claims dependent thereon are not obvious over Bodnar. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Independent claim 16 is distinguished over Bodnar for at least one additional reason. Claim 16 has been amended to call for an unreinforced molded foam; the unreinforced molded foam is to have a specific gravity that is greater than 0.4. Bodnar's foams differ—their densities are from about 0.5 to about 20 pounds per cubic foot.²⁸ Thus, independent claim 16 and claims dependent thereon are further distinguished over Bodnar.

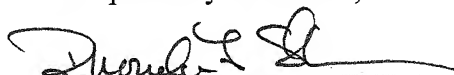
2. Request for Three-Month Extension of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a three (3) month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action Mailed July 20, 2007. This request extends the original due date of September 20, 2007 three (3) months to January 20, 2008. The commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for a three-month extension of time to Deposit Account 08-3442. Should any other fee be due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to deduct said fee from Deposit Account No. 08-3442.

3. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed towards the pending claims.

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²⁸ Bodnar, column 4, lines 48-54.